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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X)**

Applicants submit this Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X) to request that the U.S. Patent Office expedite examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants contend that expedited examination of the subject application will advance the field of treating and preventing fibrotic cancers and related diseases.

The subject application qualifies for expedited examination under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X) because the subject application provides novel methods comprising administering to a subject agents that inhibit Transforming Growth Factor  $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$ )-induced fibroproliferative growth of tissue, and/or degrade excess extracellular matrix. These methods are useful for treating and/or preventing fibrotic cancers associated with (TGF $\beta$ )-induced fibroproliferative growth of tissue, e.g. growth of excess extracellular matrix or fibrotic cancers of the breast, uterus, pancreas, and colon, or cancers related

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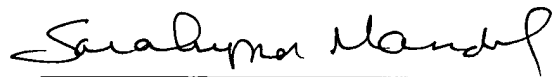
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thereof. The anti-TGF $\beta$  agents are used to inhibit the fibroproliferative growth of tissue in organs, so as to fight diseases of or related to fibrotic cancer. Thus, the claimed methods contribute an important new tool for effective treatments for, e.g., fibrotic cancer and related diseases. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be accorded "special" status and its examination be expedited.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request that pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(X), the subject application be accorded "special" status and its prosecution be expedited. The fee for submitting a Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is \$130.00. Applicants enclose a check for the amount of \$130.00. If any additional fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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